Bombay have been making repeated representations to the Bank about inadequate water supply ot their flats;

(b) whether it is a fact that the flats of the other buildings surrounding the IDBI quarters are getting 24 hours water supply;

(c) if so, the reasons due to which IDBI management has not taken adequate steps to ensure 24 hours water supply to all their flats; and

(d) what steps IDBI propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) has reported that they are not aware about the position of water supply in the neighbouring buildings at Ghatkopar Quarters. However, water supply to the Quarters by Bombay Municipal Corporation (BMC) is sufficient to meet needs of all residents.

(c) The IDBI Quarters are connected to BMC water supply wherever such supply is available. The availability of water depends on the water supplied by BMC.

(d) IDBI has reported that it had provided storage drums to all the occupants in order to mitigate the need of water when the supply is not available through tap. IDBI also obtained an additional 1.5" diameter water connection after which the water supply position has improved considerably.

Withdrawal of Excise Subsidy for Deep-Sea Fishing

1425. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether his Ministry had withdrawn Central excise subsidy of 50 per cent which was extended to the deep-sea fishing industry;

(b) the steps taken to enable the industry which is 100 per cent export oriented to cope with dis-proportionately high oil prices as compared to international prices; and

(c) whether Government propose to reinstate the erstwhile scheme, which is beneficial?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (b) Under the Central Excises and Salt Act, 1944, there is no concept of central excise subsidy. However, the Ministry of Commerce is administering a scheme aimed at reimbursing a part of the cost of high speed diesel oil consumed by deep see fishing vessels so as to make the effective price comparable to the international price.

Setting up of National Rural Bank

1426. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the progress made so far from the setting up of a National Rural Bank of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): Government initiated a process of consultation for restructuring of Regional Rural Banks (RRBs). A number of alternative models, including the proposal for establishment of a National Rural Bank of India (NRBI), have been considered in consultation with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)/ Reserve Bank of India (RBI). Members of Parliament and RRB employees' Association etc. have also expressed their views. Finance Minister held a meeting on 7-10-93 in New Delhi with Members of Parliament from different political parties to solicit their opinion. The suggestions made by them are under active examination by Government.